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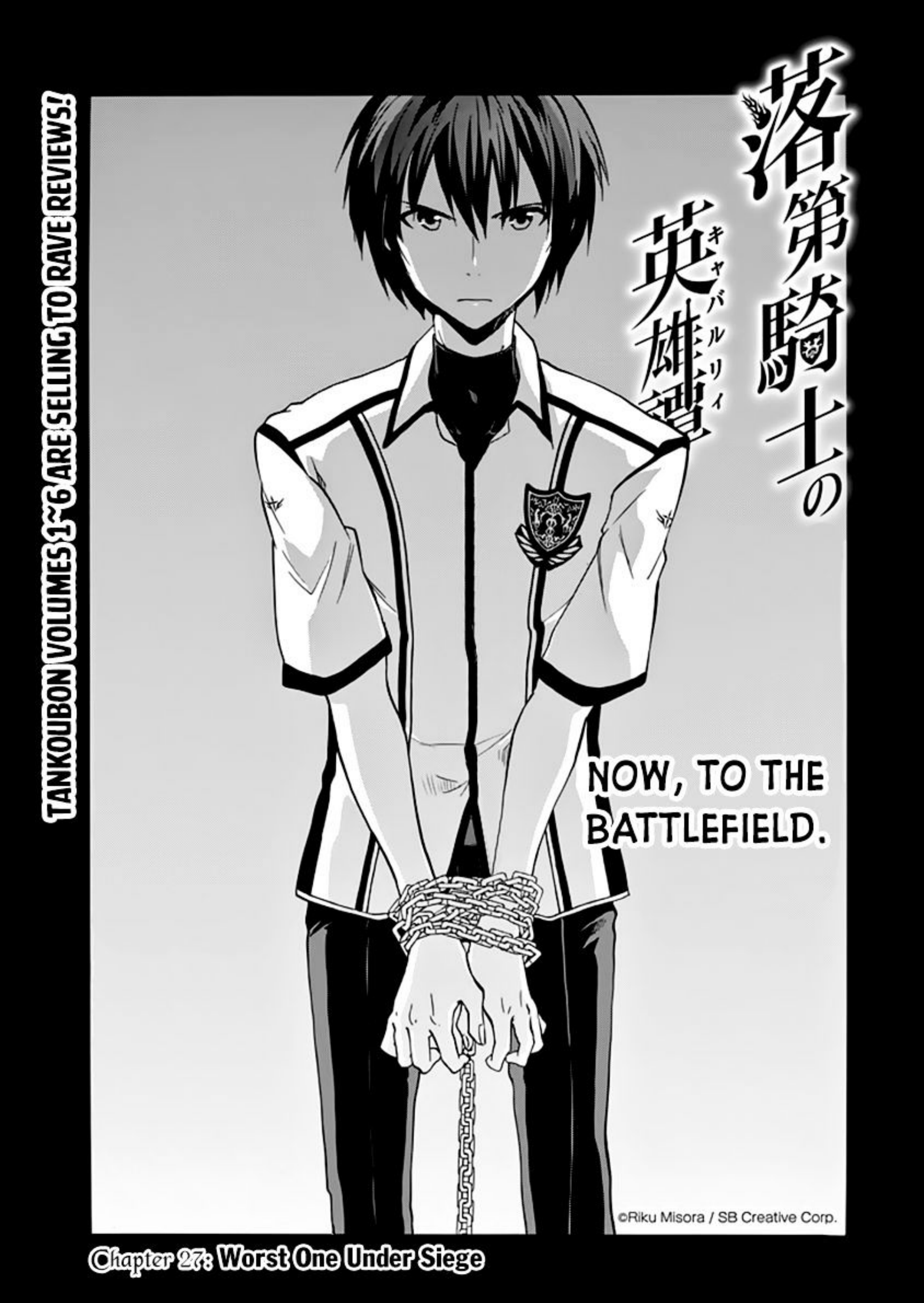

Chapter 27: Worst One Under Siege

WELL, I THANK EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING DESPITE YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES.

LEAGUE OF MAGE-KNIGHT NATIONS
JAPANESE BRANCH

TODAY WE HAVE THE CASE OF IKKI KUROGANE-KUN. ALTHOUGH HE'S COME OF AGE,

HE'S CAUSED A RIDICULOUS SCANDAL BY HAVING AN ILLICIT RELATIONSHIP WITH A STATE GUEST.

MANY ARE CALLING HIS ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADULT ETHICS INTO QUESTION.

◆ AN EXCESSIVELY ONE-SIDED ACCUSAL BEGINS.

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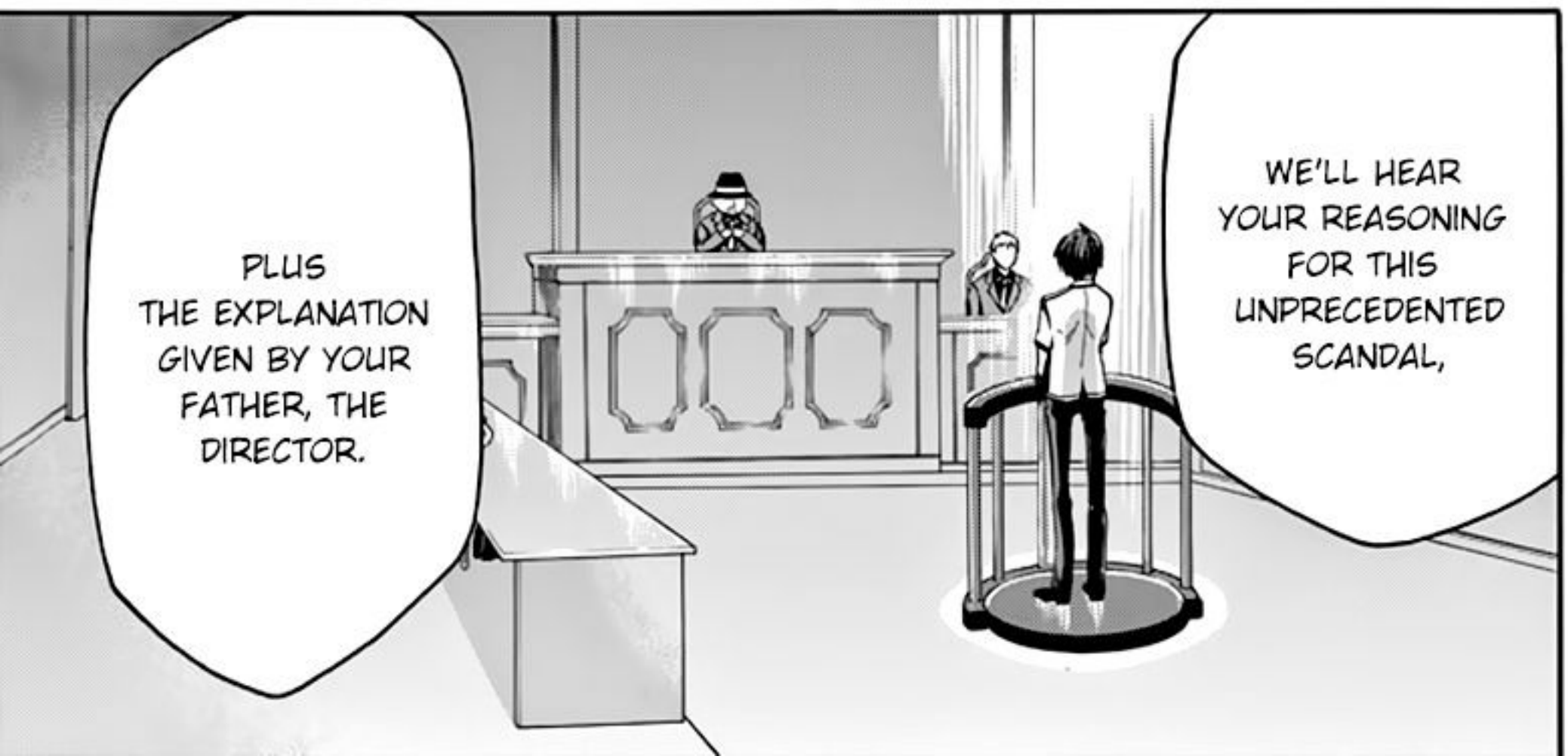
WHETHER IKKI-KUN IS PROPERLY QUALIFIED TO BE A KNIGHT.
AND SO, WE'RE HERE TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE

WE ALL SUPPORT YOU HERE.
NO NEED TO BE SO UPTIGHT.


PLUS THE EXPLANATION GIVEN BY YOUR FATHER, THE DIRECTOR.
WE'LL HEAR YOUR REASONING FOR THIS UNPRECEDENTED SCANDAL,

YOU'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL, RIGHT?

WE DON'T WANT TO WASTE ALL THAT HARD WORK.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WE'D RATHER NOT EXPEL YOU WHATEVER YOUR REASONING WAS.

THE NIGHT AFTER MY FIRST MATCH IN THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL SELECTION BATTLES.

AND WHEN DID THAT BEGIN?

YES, THAT'S TRUE.

HE HE HE.

HONESTY IS GOOD.

HAH.

KIDS THESE DAYS.

YOU STARTED RATHER SOON AFTER FIRST MEETING HER, DIDN'T YOU...

OH...

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DESPICABLE.

OUR GENERATION TOOK THINGS SLOWER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

IT ONLY ENDS IN QUICK MARRIAGES

OR UNINTENDED PREGNAN-CIES...

EXCUSE ME, BUT WE'RE NOTHING LIKE WHAT YOU AND THE NEWSPAPERS ARE SAYING—

IKKI-KUN, IKKI-KUN.

PLEASE SPEAK ONLY WHEN PERMITTED, OKAY?

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OTHERWISE, YOU'LL JUST GIVE A BAD IMPRESSION, YOU KNOW.

HE HE HE.

... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

HMPH.

SINCE YOU WANT TO TALK SO MUCH, I'LL ASK THIS.

YOU WEREN'T THINKING WHEN YOU STARTED A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY'S PRINCESS, AM I RIGHT?

EVEN THOUGH SUCH CONDUCT'S DANGEROUS ENOUGH TO START AN DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT,

YOU ONLY CARED ABOUT HAVING FUN.

Ha!

YOU REALLY ARE A CHILD.

WELL, I WAS ALSO LIKE THAT ONCE. THE FIRST GIRL YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH REALLY SEEMS ONCE-IN-A-LIFE-TIME.

He He He

IT'S SO GOOD TO BE YOUNG.

I'VE NEVER INTENDED TO JUST PLAY AROUND.

WE'RE SINCERELY IN LOVE.

SPLITTING HAIRS, ARE YOU? SUCH REBELLION.

YOU'VE GOT BAD MANNERS, KID.

STELLA AND I ARE BOTH ADULTS.

ISN'T IT NORMAL FOR US TO TAKE OUR RELATIONSHIP SERIOUSLY?

I KNEW IT'D BE LIKE THIS, BUT...

WHAT A TOTAL JOKE.

Haa...

HMM, ATTITUDE... POOR.

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WHILE IGNORING MY ADULT RIGHTS.

THEY QUESTION ME ABOUT ADULT RESPONSIBILITY,

THEY'VE ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MINDS.

THIS IS JUST A SHOW TRIAL.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT EXAMINING ME AS A KNIGHT.

SURE, IT WAS SENSATIONAL FOR ME TO BE INTIMATE WITH A PRINCESS STUDYING ABROAD.

BUT STELLA AND I ARE ADULTS WITH THE LEGAL RIGHT TO MARRY.

THE NEWS NARRATIVE WAS ODD FROM THE BEGINNING.

THAT WOULD BE A PERSONAL MATTER BETWEEN THE THREE OF US.

IF, SAY, STELLA'S FATHER THE KING OF VERMILLION WERE TO DISAPPROVE,

...STRANGELY FOCUSED ON CASTING DOUBT OVER MY QUALIFICATIONS AS A KNIGHT.

BUT INSTEAD, ALL OF THE NEWS WERE...

MIXED INTO THIS UPROAR.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S SOME CALCULATED PURPOSE...

TO HAVE ME ADMIT FAULT ON MY OWN.

WHICH MEANS THEY NEED THIS INQUIRY

A LEAGUE BRANCH CAN'T ARBITRARY REVOKE STATUS AS A STUDENT MAGE-KNIGHT.

THAT'S PROBABLY AKAZA'S GOAL.

IF THEY CAN'T GET THAT, THEY'LL TRY TO GATHER EVIDENCE OF ME BEING BELLIGERENT,

AND PUSH FORWARD AN EXPULSION APPLICATION TO THE LEAGUE MAIN BRANCH ANYWAY.

IN THAT CASE, RATHER THAN TRY TO PRESS MY CLAIM,

IT'S BEST IF I STAY QUIET AND REFUSE TO INCRIMINATE MYSELF.

BUT...

WHETHER YOU TREAT ME WITH FAVOR OR DISDAIN,
IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL.
I LOVE STELLA SINCERELY,
AND STELLA TRULY LOVES ME IN RETURN.
SO I DON'T THINK WE DID ANYTHING WRONG,
AND WE WON'T TELL OTHERS WE MADE A MISTAKE.

I KNOW HOW WONDERFUL THE SMILES WE SHARE ALWAYS ARE.

WHEN WE EMBRACE, WHEN WE KISS...

I KNOW I LOVE STELLA NO MATTER WHAT.

"I LOVE YOU. AND I WANT TO TELL EVERYONE THAT WITH PRIDE."

I SAID THIS TO STELLA—

A REAL MAN DOESN'T BACK DOWN IN SILENCE

WHEN OTHERS TRY TO CLAIM HE'S WRONG.

THIS IS AN EMOTION I'LL NEVER LIE ABOUT!

SO I WON'T RUN AWAY.

I WON'T STAY QUIET.

THEY WERE BASICALLY KISSING AT SCHOOL, RIGHT?
Heehee
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I DID, I DID!
HEY, DID YOU SEE THE ARTICLE ON VERMILLION-SAN?

THEN THAT STORY ABOUT KUROGANE-KUN IS TRUE AFTER ALL, HUH?

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NYA HA HA, MY EARS ARE BURNING.

KAGAMI ...

I HEARD ABOUT HOW CRUEL IT CAN BE,

BUT THE MEDIA IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE WORST, ISN'T IT?

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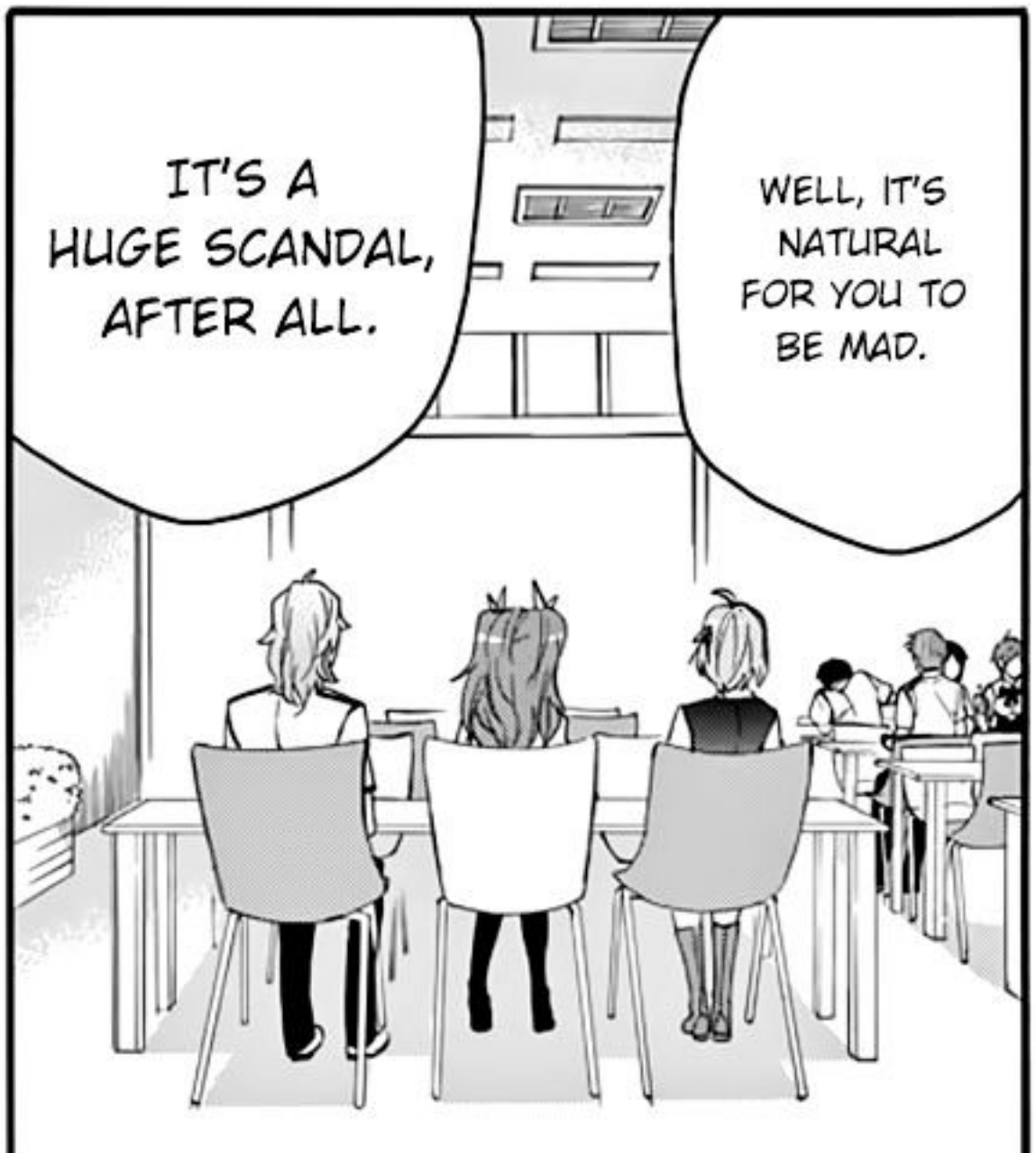


IT LOOKS LIKE THE ETHICS COMMITTEE IS THROWING SOME REAL PRESSURE ON THEM.

I KNOW MY WAY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS SHOPS, SO I DID SOME DIGGING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

STILL, WE KNOW WHY THEY'RE DOING THAT.

AND FORCING IT INTO THE NEWS.

THEY'RE BUILDING UP THE VERMILLION SCANDAL STORY

BUT THEY EVEN SHOVED A SPECIAL BULLETIN INTO THE MIDDLE OF A KING OF KNIGHTS PERFOR-MANCE BROADCAST.

THIS IS JUST BET-WEEN US,

THE KOK IS CONTROLLED BY THE LEAGUE, WHICH IS WHY THEY COULD DO IT...
SOMETHING LIKE THAT, ON THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT VENUE... IS HUGE, ISN'T IT?
BUT ...
ISN'T IKKI JUST A NORMAL STUDENT!?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S
YOUR OWN SON!?
WHY WOULD IKKI'S FATHER GO THIS FAR TO QUASH HIM!?

BECAUSE THAT'S THE KIND OF FATHER WE HAVE.

IT'S ALL I CAN SAY.
THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON HE IS.

HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHY FATHER HAS SUCH PREJUDICE AGAINST ONII-SAMA.

FATHER'S THINKING IS SO TWISTED IT'S BEYOND MY UNDER-STANDING.

SHIZUKU ...

BUT THAT'S WHY NOTHING HE DOES SURPRISES ME.

WE DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THIS TO YOU.

I'M SORRY.

UMM ...

SHIZUKU ...

...

I MEAN, I ALREADY KNEW.

IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

HUH ...?

I COULD TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT THE TWO OF YOU.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND ONII-SAMA CHANGED AFTER THE NIGHT OF HIS FIRST MATCH.

RIGHT, ALICE?

HA HA,

WELL, IT SURE WAS REALLY OBVIOUS.

ACTUALLY, I NOTICED IT TOO~

WH—

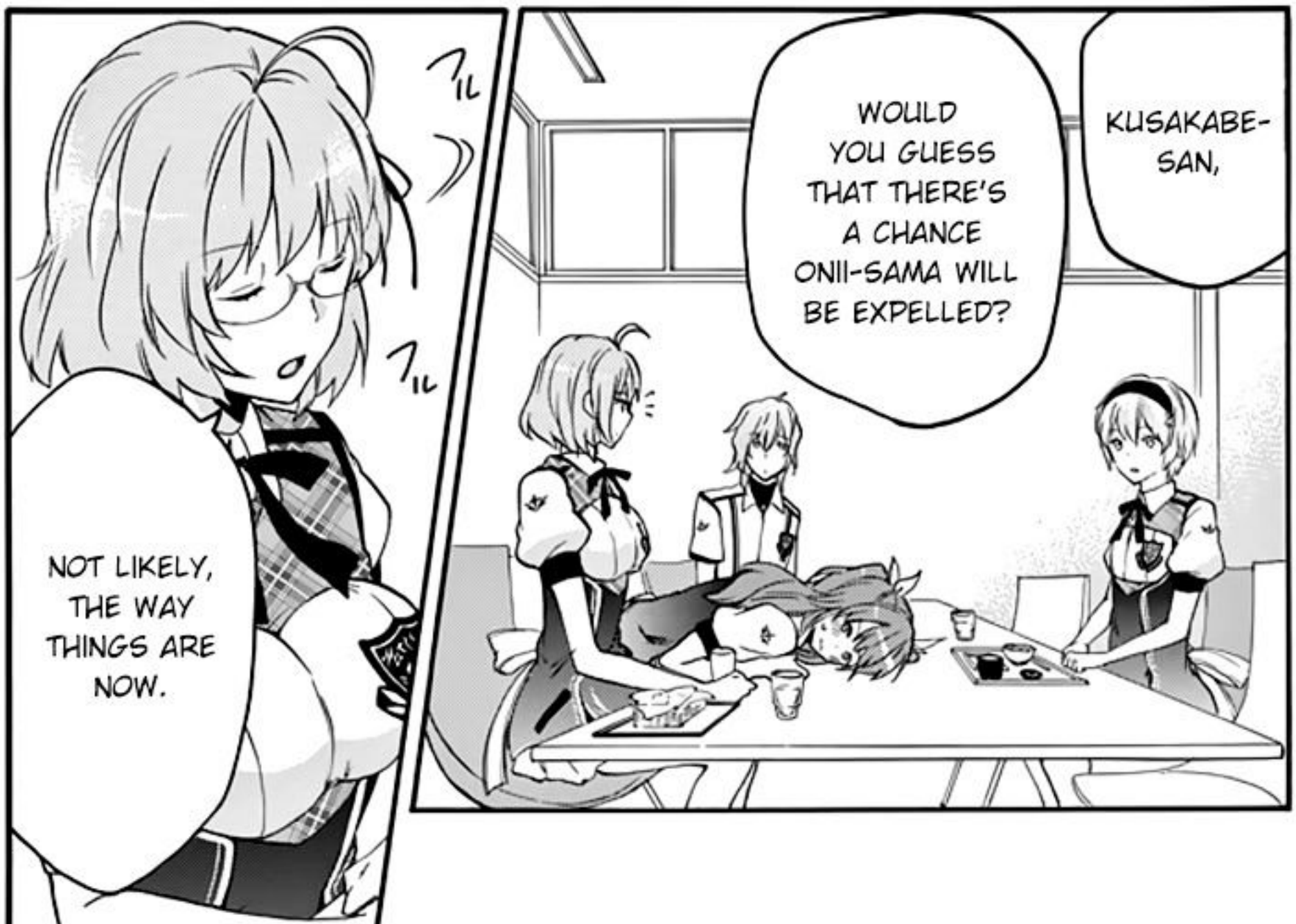
WHA—

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON.

AND WE CAN UNDERSTAND YOU WANTING TO AVOID THAT DURING THE SEVEN STARS FESTIVAL SEASON,

BECAUSE OF YOUR POSITION, IT WOULD DEFINITELY CAUSE AN UPROAR,

SO IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE CRITICIZING YOU.



AND IF THE LEAGUE USED EXPULSION TOO CASUALLY, THAT WOULD BE LIKE THEM CREATING CRIMINALS THEMSELVES.

FOR ONE THING, EXPULSION IS GENERALLY LIMITED TO BLAZERS WHO USE THEIR POWERS FOR CRIMINAL ACTS.

SO THE LEAGUE, WHICH WANTS TO KEEP TABS ON EVERYONE, IS RELUCTANT TO USE EXPULSION.

BECAUSE WHICH WOULD BE SAFER, THE MAD DOG YOU HAVE ON A LEASH, OR THAT MAD DOG RUNNING WILD?

FOR A STUDENT KNIGHT WHO'S STILL IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ESPECIALLY,

EXPULSION IS VERY RARE.

BUT ...
THIS IS A SERIOUS EXAMPLE OF SUCH A RARE CASE.
THAT'S WHY I'M WORRIED.
I WONDER WHAT SENPAI'S GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW.

THIS IS...

ALL MY FAULT...

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I'VE BECOME A BURDEN TO IKKI.

AT A TIME AS IMPORTANT AS ENTERING THE SWORD-ART FESTIVAL,

I'M DRAGGING HIM DOWN...!

MAYBE I...
SHOULD BREAK UP WITH HIM...
STELLA-CHAN!

TH-THE HELL!?

EEEEEK!

WHOA!

GUH!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, SHIZUKU!?

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I SHOULD ASK YOU THAT. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE SAYING?

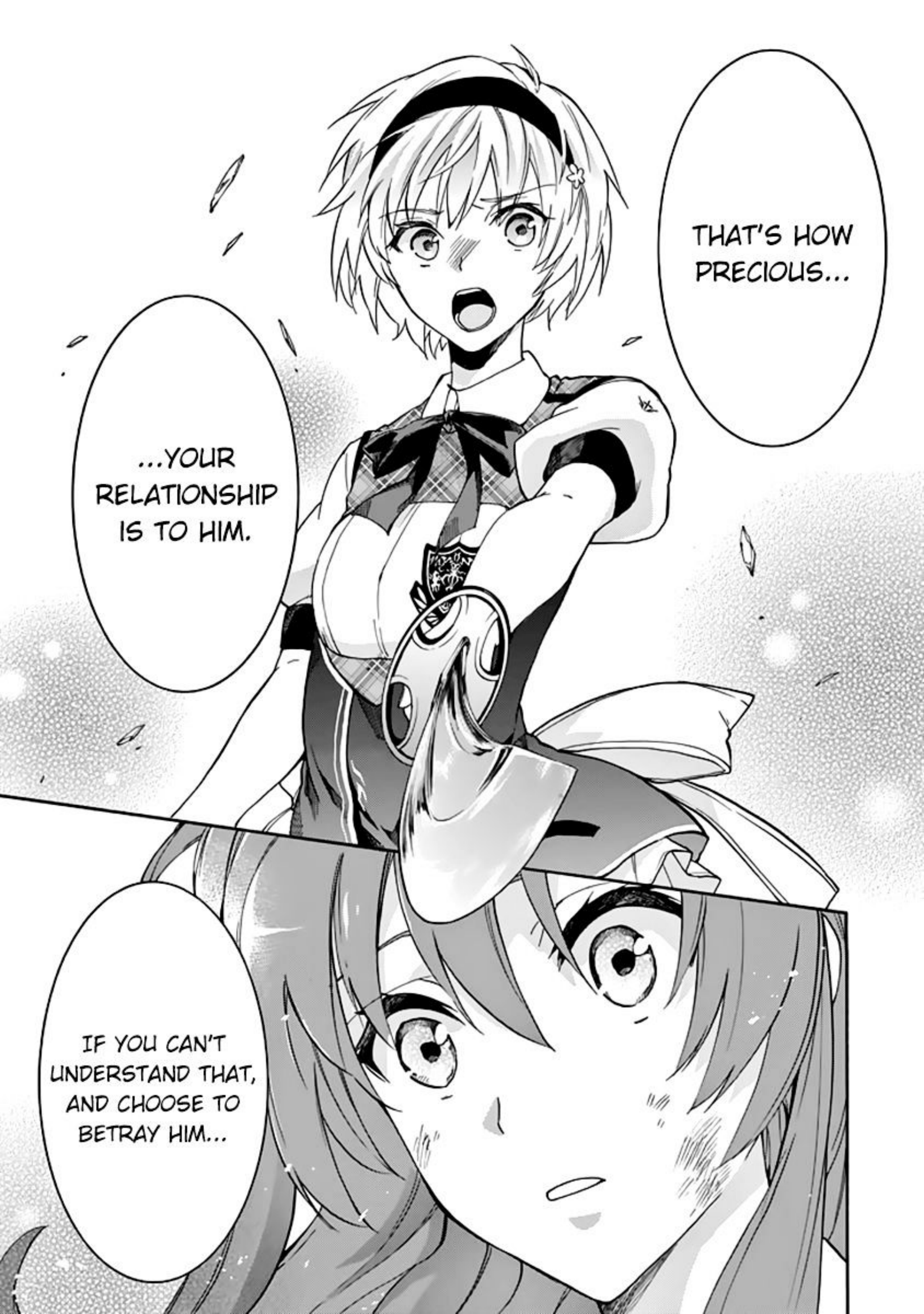
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHY ONII-SAMA IS SUFFERING SO MUCH FOR YOU?

SHIZUKU ...

BUT STILL, HE'S INSISTS ON FACING THEM HEAD ON

BECAUSE HE DOESN'T TO SEE PEOPLE MOCKING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COARSE MOTIVES. THAT'S SOMETHING HE JUST CAN'T STAND.

ONII-SAMA CAN CHOOSE TO REMAIN SILENT AND REFUSE TO RESPOND TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE.


THAT'S HOW PRECIOUS...
...YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS TO HIM.
IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT, AND CHOOSE TO BETRAY HIM...

I—

WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

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I WISH SOMEBODY COULD COME FIX ME UP AS EASILY AFTER WORK LIKE THIS TOO.
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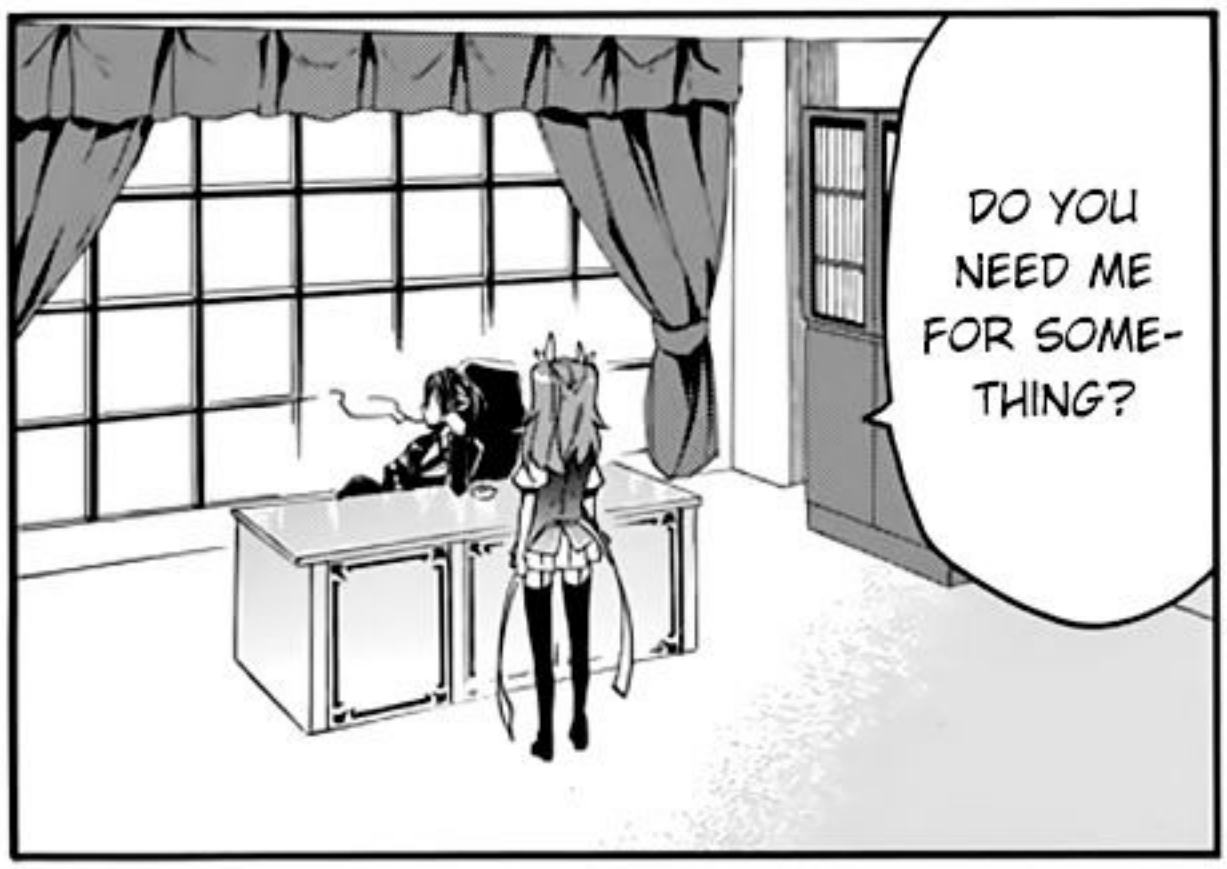
THAT SHOULD DO IT.


DO YOU NEED ME FOR SOME-THING?

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR PARENTS IN VERMILLION THINK ABOUT THIS WHOLE SITUATION.
AHH.
...BUT FATHER IS COMPETELY AGAINST IT.
HE'S VERY ANGRY.
MOTHER... UNDERSTANDS MY DECISION.

AND WHEN'S THAT GOING TO HAPPEN?

IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS, I GUESS.

"I WON'T FORGIVE HIM FOR LAYING A HAND ON MY DAUGHTER WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!"

...HE SAID, AND ALSO THAT HE'S COMING TO JAPAN SOON.

HE REALLY LOVES YOU, HUH?

Haa...

JUST AS THE SELECTION BATTLES END?

ALRIGHT THEN,

THAT'LL BE OUR TARGET.

TARGET?

IF THE KING OF VERMILLION COMES HERE HIMSELF,

IT WON'T BE ABOUT KUROGANE'S PERSONAL MEETING OR HIS ETHICS INQUIRY ANYMORE.

IF THE KING HIMSELF HAPPENS TO APPROVE OF KUROGANE AFTER THEY MEET,

THOSE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE BASIS OF THEIR ACCUSATIONS YANKED OUT FROM UNDER THEM,

AND THEN IT'S THEIR TURN UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.

THEY INTRUDED IN MY DOMAIN AND ENTANGLED MY STUDENTS IN THEIR GAMES.

I'LL HAVE THEM REGRET IT UNTIL THEY DIE.

WE'RE GOING TO COUNTER-ATTACK?

NATURALLY.

YOU SEEM CALMER THAN I EXPECTED.

HONESTLY,

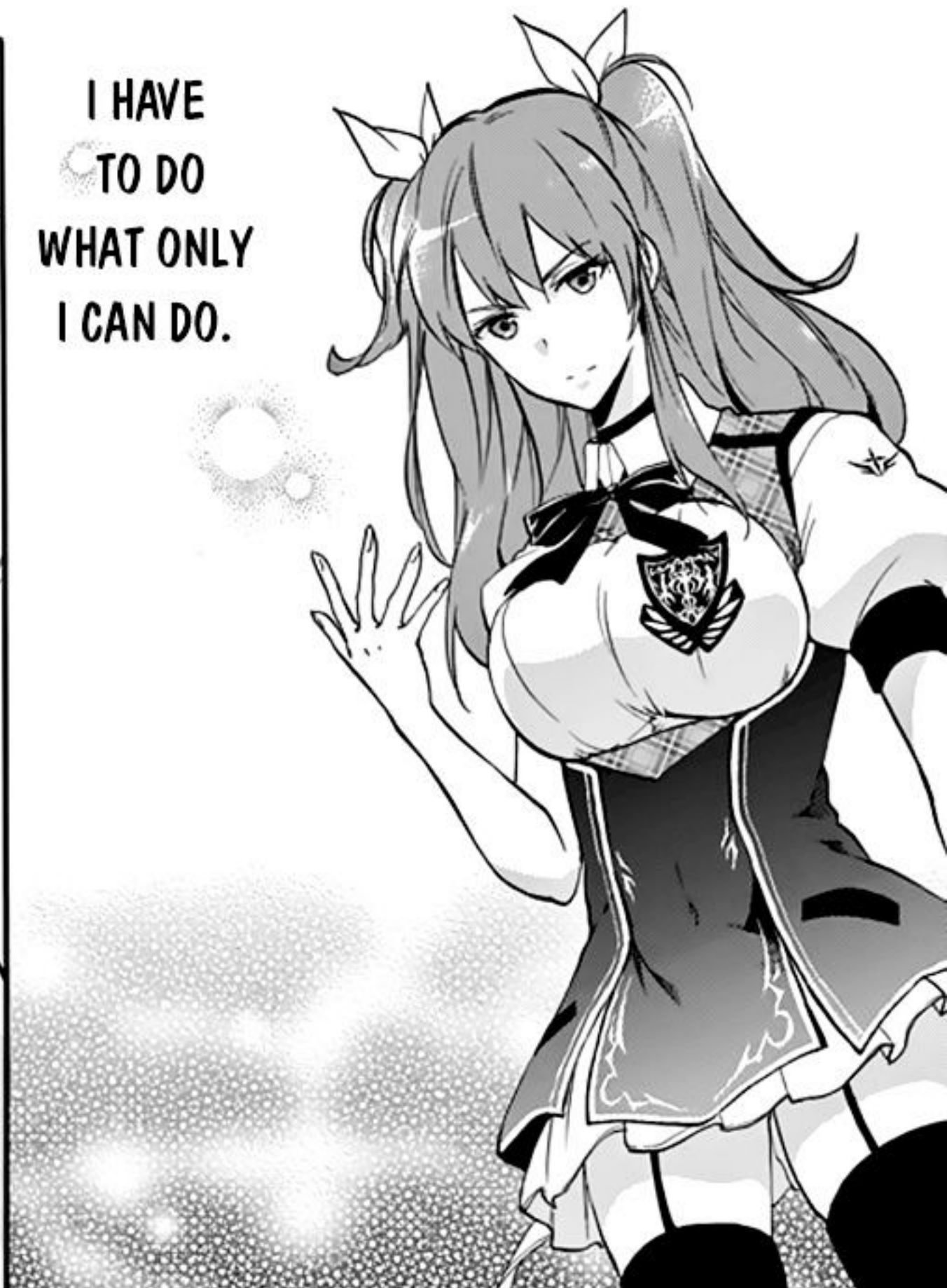
I FIGURED YOU'D BE MORE OVERWHELMED.

A GOOD LITTLE SISTER MANAGED TO GET ME BACK ON MY FEET.
"I LOVE YOU. AND I WANT TO TELL EVERYONE THAT WITH PRIDE."
RIGHT NOW, IKKI'S PUTTING THOSE WORDS INTO PRACTICE.
BECAUSE HE LOVES ME THAT MUCH.

A GOOD WOMAN DOESN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO THE MAN.

SO I'LL FIGHT TOO.

I HAVE TO DO WHAT ONLY I CAN DO.



I'LL
...
I'LL ALSO KEEP MY PROMISE!
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STELLA AND IKKI, BOTH OF THEM WILL OVERCOME ADVERSITY!